

MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

First Session of Horticulture
Society Sees About 300
Delegates Present.

MORE ARE EXPECTED TO-DAY

Eminent Speakers Discuss
Methods of Raising Fruit
in Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Lynchburg, Va., January 8.—The
seventeenth annual convention of the
Virginia Horticultural Society convened
this morning at 10 o'clock at the
Lynchburg City Auditorium with about
300 delegates in attendance. Additional
visitors reached the city on afternoon
trains and the attendance is expected
to be considerably larger at the
morning session to-morrow.

Ten o'clock Prof. H. B. Gould, of the
Bureau of Plant Pathology, of Wash-
ington, delivered an illustrated lecture
on plant diseases and methods as
shown by the camera in many States.

The society will be in session until
Friday afternoon. The fruit exhibit,
which is located in a separate room
adjacent to the auditorium, is the largest
ever shown at a similar gathering in
Virginia.

The address of welcome was made
this morning by William Kline, presi-
dent of the Board of Aldermen, and
the response was made by Dr. S. G.
Guerrant, of Callaway.

President Pratt followed Dr. Guer-
rant and delivered the annual address
customary at this time on the part of
the incumbent of the office.

"With the opening of this, the seven-
teenth annual meeting of the Virginia
Horticultural Society," said Mr. Pratt,
in opening his address, "I am glad to
see to express the wish that all of our
delegates may be of the usual
patriotic, conscientious and intelli-
gent nature; that we may be prompted
throughout by the spirit of harmony
and co-operation; that we may profit
by the mutual exchange of ideas, enjoy
to the fullest the opportunities this oc-
casion presents and carry with us
valuable information and sugges-
tions for the future."

"We have met, indeed, under the
most favorable auspices, the warm-
hearted and cordial welcome, so
graciously extended on the part of the
good people of the city of Lynchburg,
makes us feel that we are in the house
of our friends.

"The pleasant surroundings which our hosts
have provided insure our comfort and
lend substantial evidence of the hospi-
tality for which they are so justly
famed."

"The Hill City, be the James is
known to most of us, but not all have
had an opportunity to come in contact
with your splendid citizens. In the
past, the extent of your varied re-
sources, and the achievement wrought
by intelligent application of
energy and skill. We welcome this
opportunity, and trust we may imbu-
e some of that spirit which filled the
soul of the great statesman whose
life and character helped to make you
famous, the spirit of exalted patriot-
ism, unshakable devotion, unswerving
loyalty, unimpeachable integrity, the
distinguishing characteristics of our
beloved John W. Daniel.—The Land-
mark of Lynchburg."

"The Virginia State Horticulture
Society," he said, "is an ever-growing
school seeking after knowledge." He
spoke of how the horticulturist was
trying to master those essentials
which tend to enhance the value of the
soil of the Old Dominion. "He must
study chemistry, botany, and animal
life, as well as the study of plant
life," he continued. "And he must
keep his hand upon the great
revolving pulley of commerce and in-
dustry."

"The society is democratic; we are
a society banded together for mutual
help. Since our last meeting at Har-
risonburg last year, some have been
re-elected, some have left, it is the
object of the society to add those who
have fallen, and the society wants and
must have every horticultural mem-
ber of this society."

"Our members are furnished with the
best literature, bulletins, and we
have schools to teach buying pack-
age, etc. We, in other words, have
every facility to help the members
of the city in putting us on a competi-
tive basis with the world and putting
this State where she belongs, in the
 forefront."

"We have been given every help
from both national and State agricul-
tural departments and the most liberal
donations have been made to both to
meet those of any other State."

"I would recommend a State law,
similar to the national law, for the
protection of all horticultural within
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HERE'S THE FIRST CHAPTER of the story of our January mark- down sale for boys—all the survivors now have to walk the plank.

DOUBLE-BREADED AND NORFOLK SUITS IN COLORS AND MIXTURES.

\$4.50 and \$5.00 Suits reduced to	\$3.50
\$6.50 and \$7.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$4.75
\$7.50 and \$8.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$5.75
\$8.50 and \$9.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$6.75
\$9.50 and \$10.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$7.75
\$11.00 and \$11.50 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$8.50
\$12.00 and \$12.50 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$9.75
\$15.00 and \$16.00 Suits and Overcoats reduced to	\$12.75

GIRLS', MISSES' AND YOUNG WOMEN'S COATS.

\$6.50 and \$7.00 Coats reduced to	\$4.75	\$13 and \$13.50 Coats reduced to	\$11.75
\$8.50 and \$9.00 Coats reduced to	\$6.75	\$14 and \$16.50 Coats reduced to	\$12.75
\$9.50 and \$10.00 Coats reduced to	\$7.75	\$17 and \$18.00 Coats reduced to	\$14.75
\$11.00 and \$11.50 Coats reduced to	\$8.75	\$22, \$25 and \$28 Coats reduced to	\$18.75
\$12.00 and \$12.50 Coats reduced to	\$9.75		

Sale begins this morning.

O. H. Berry & Co.

lines, for without it we cannot hope
to keep in the front ranks.

"We are indebted to the free ser-
vice along this line from the govern-
mental departments, who have, with-
out price, served us so faithfully in
every line. Their service, from the
weather stations to warn fruit growers
has been invaluable."

In commenting on Virginia as a
great fruit-growing State, Mr. Pratt
stated how the weather, land, climate,
etc., was ideal, and that it was up to
the society to encourage its young
men to take a more active interest in
horticulture.

He was heartily applauded at the
conclusion of his speech, which was
without doubt, one of the best ever
heard on the subject.

Committees Appointed

The appointment of committees
came next, following which the report
of Secretary Walter Whately, of Crozet,
was read by C. P. Macdonald, of the
society. He called upon the delegates
to labor earnestly so that when the
next annual convention was called to
order there would be a membership of
1,000, enrolled upon the books of the
society. This report was a lengthy
and complete one, and was of interest
to the delegates. He was heartily ap-
plauded at the conclusion of his re-
marks.

The report of the treasurer, T. W.
Woolen, of Crozet, was next read to
the convention. In his opening re-
marks, Mr. Woolen explained the pecu-
liar duties incumbent upon the
treasurer of the Horticultural Society.
He stated that two sources of revenue
were open to the society: First, a di-
rect appropriation from the State, and
second, the fees accruing from mem-
bers of the society. From the State
\$15.00 was received, while from the
members \$94.01 was received, and
from other sources \$19.25 was re-
ceived, making a total of \$128.26 re-
ceived during the year.

He then showed how the money had
been expended for various uses, with
a balance of \$77.98 in the bank at
close to the credit of the society.

Finally, the report of the treasurer
showed the following:

On hand last year.....\$ 654.66
Total collections this year.....4,464.22
Total.....\$5,118.88
Disbursements during the year, 4,289.93

In the treasury.....\$ 77.98
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should be a company it should be in-
corporated and modeled after the by-
laws of successful business corpora-
tions, and every co-operative society
should be made to suit the varying
conditions of the locality in which they
are located. The manager should be
a man with a great capacity for work,
and, lastly, the grower should be made
to see that 'sticking together' is the
basis of co-operative success.

"More failures among co-operative
societies are due to the growers, or in-
dividual members of such societies
who have not been able to 'pull to-
gether,' but have allowed dissension to
arise among themselves and have
thereby been broken up."

He showed how the best way for a
co-operative society to start off suc-
cessfully was to start with a small
membership, get on a paying basis and
then enlarge by taking on members
gradually until they control the situa-
tion on that particular commodity. He
then gave the history of many co-
operative societies in New York State
showing how they had helped the
growers to better prices and more
profits.

E. A. Evans, of the Weather Bu-
reau, was introduced by President
Pratt, regarding weather conditions as
it affects the growing of fruit.

Mr. Evans stated from the outset
that he was unprepared for any ad-
dress, and had not expected to be
called upon for one. He stated, how-
ever, that he would speak briefly upon
the subject of "Frost Warnings."

His plan to help the fruit growers
ward off this enemy of fruit was to
warn by telephone every fruit grower
in the zone wherein frost would be
severe and they could be prepared to
meet it.

His suggestions were that the fruit
growers put trash, brush, etc., around
their orchards and when the "frost
warning" came the pile should be
burned, thus the effect of small
amounts of water a "smudge" would
be the result. In other words, the
piles would burn slowly and the smoke
would be carried through the orchard by the wind or
breeze, and the fruit would be saved
at about 1 per cent of the value of
fruit which would have been lost. The
water arising from the water sprayed
on the piles of burning trash was
the object he sought. He was heart-
ily applauded, and his talk had been
concise and helpful.

Depends on Press.

"The Power of the Press in Advan-
cing the State" was the subject of
an address delivered by J. S. Cates,
editor of the Southern Planter. The
only way the press can help the
State, said Mr. Cates in his opening
remarks.

Not only must the press tell the
good news, but it must also tell the
bad news. You must give us of the
press something to write about which
is good. Write beautiful editorials of
the value of Virginia fruit lands, but
unless the growers of Virginia give
us examples to point out of the value
of our land, no editorial would be
of any avail in the advertising of Vir-
ginia as a fruit-growing State.

He commended the land of other
States which is equal in fertility to
that of Virginia, in which sells for
several times as much per acre as does
the lands here, because there they
can show concrete examples, while
here we cannot, unless we could adver-
tise the State through the press until
you give us glowing examples of the
value of the orchards here.

Mr. Cates was then applauded at the
conclusion of his remarks, and the
session adjourned for lunch.

This afternoon the convention ad-
dressed by Professor C. S. Wilson,
New York College of Agriculture, Dr.
S. W. Fletcher, of Lynchburg, and
discussed the subject of grading and
marketing, and in a question box
as to methods.

Premiums Awarded.

The special premiums awarded in the
large fruit exhibit at the convention
were announced by Professor J. S.
Cates. Ten boxes, one variety, \$50,
P. W. Steek, Oregon, Va.; six boxes,
three varieties, H. S. Barnhart & Son,
New Hope, Va.; two boxes, one var-
iety, P. W. Steek, largest apple, Dr.
E. P. Parsons, Massie's Mills, best five
boxes, open to the public, Steek &
Winters, of the box, and W. L. Bryan,
best four boxes.

Increase in Norfolk Office.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., January 8.—Post-office
receipts for Norfolk for 1912, \$34,122.25, as against \$32,756.45
over the receipts for 1911.

JUSTICE HOLMES DENIES IT

Says He Has Thought Nothing About
Quitting Bench.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Washington, January 8.—Associate
Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, of the
United States Supreme Court, when
asked to-night about a report that he
intended to resign soon after March 4,
made the following statement:

"I have made no statement of any
kind, and I have not thought of it. I
have not thought of it, nor troubled my-
self on the subject. I have been sev-
enty-two years old on March 8, and have
served a little over ten years. He is,
therefore, entitled to retirement with
full pay whenever he desires. The
justice is in good health, and is often
seen walking with one of his associates
the long distance from the court-
house to his home in the North-
western section of the city."

WANTED

A GOOD STOMACH

MIO-NA Stomach Tablets are guar-
anteed to aid indigestion and give you
a good vigorous stomach, or money back.
They relieve after dinner distress in five
minutes. 50 cents.

MIO-NA for belching of gas.

MIO-NA for distress after eating.

MIO-NA for foul breath.

MIO-NA for loss of appetite.

CLEANS THE STOMACH

MIO-NA for heartburn.

MIO-NA for sick headache.

MIO-NA for night sweats.

MIO-NA for bad dreams.

MIO-NA after a banquet.

MIO-NA for vomiting of pregnancy.

Makes rich, pure blood, puts vigor,
vitality into the whole body.

A week's treatment of MIO-NA will
increase your efficiency.

Free trial treatment from Booth's MIO-
NA, Buffalo, N. Y.

Tragle Drug Co. guarantee MIO-NA
Stomach Tablets.—Advertisement.

POTTERY TARIFF IS SATISFACTORY

Statement of Underwood Means
That There Will Be No
Change in Schedules.

LIVELY HEARING IS HELD

Witnesses Fear for Their Busi-
nesses if Customs Bars
Are Let Down.

Washington, January 8.—Talk of
trusts of domestic and foreign vari-
eties, of low wages and women toilers
in industries abroad that enabled
strong foreign competition with
American enterprises, and of capital's
great stake in the tariff tinkering, en-
livened the hearing on the pottery
ware and glassware schedule of the
Payne-Aldrich law before the House
Committee on Ways and Means to-day.
It was the first of the two days of
arguments on the second schedule of
the existing law.

A declaration of Chairman Under-
wood that he was satisfied with the
showing made of the heavy com-
petitive conditions in the pottery in-
dustry was accepted as an assurance
of an undisturbed pottery tariff.

All representatives of the different
window glass interests denied exist-
ence of any trust in their particular
business. But running through most
of the testimony were references to
trusts abroad in various lines of cap-
ital, a constant spectre that stalked
on the customs border lines, threaten-
ing to invade this country if the tariff
bars were let down.

Former Governor William A. Stone,
of Pennsylvania, insisted that the Na-
tional Window Glass Association de-
pended in its price-making solely upon
the law of supply and demand, and
that if the tariff on window glass was
reduced the loss to the association
would be met either by reduction of
the workmen's wages or by sus-
pension of factories.

He said there were ninety-two win-
dow glass factories constituting a dis-
tinctive class that did not have en-
ough power to justify a single sale
at more than the current prices. He
said there was an attempt about five
years ago to regulate prices among the
window glass companies, but the govern-
ment stepped in and successfully
prevented it, and that there had been no
attempt in that direction since.

"Isn't there an arrangement among
the window glass companies about fix-
ing prices?" queried Chairman Under-
wood.

"No, sir," he replied. "The tariff
has been represented to me by
purchasers that no matter what win-
dow glass factories they send to, the
quotations are always the same."

"That's true of every product, includ-
ing wheat," replied Mr. Stone.

P. A. Altenberg, of Cincinnati, com-
paring labor here and abroad in the
bottle manufacturing industry, testi-
fied that the German manufacturers
employ girls at from \$4 a week up-
wards, working eleven hours a day,
standing over a hot flame that
roars like a cataract all day."

"It all requires lung power," sug-
gested Representative Longworth.

"A little endurance," replied the wit-
ness.

Joseph S. Auerbach, a life-long
Democrat, speaking for plate glass
and other manufacturers, suggested
that "the tariff was a highway where high-
road and not a highway where high-
waymen ply their trade."

Mr. Auerbach charged that the coun-
try part abroad of more than one
American product is controlled in
manufacture, output management and
distribution by a dictatorial in-
dustrial commission.

Unlawful existence here would be en-
forced and all promoters indicted and
jailed. He urged that the commis-
sion consider what would be the
lower and real cost of the output if
the "foreign factories were permit-
ted to run freely and not as they
strangle right of the trust, and as they
would be run if you open the flood
gates of competition upon home manu-
facture."

Bottle blowers, mica interests,
glassware manufacturers, china and
earthenware importers and window
glass companies will be represented
to-morrow.

ARMY OFFICERS GATHER

Results Expected in Shaping Future
Organization.

Washington, January 8.—Gathered
at the War Department to-day by spe-
cial order of Secretary Stimson were
most of the army officers in actual
command for a conference
general is expected to have important
results in shaping the future organi-
zation of the army. The movement
began last summer, when after a
year's hard work, the War De-
partment evolved a most elaborate scheme
of organization.

The commanding general met to-
day after a careful study of the report
to frame drafts of bills and outline ex-
ecutive orders to put into practical
operation its features.

The conference was called to order
by Secretary Stimson, who in a few
words explained his reason for bring-
ing the officers to gether in Washing-
ton while Congress was in session and
matters of army legislation were still
pending.

Brigadier-General William Crozier,
as president of the War College, was
first invited to address the meeting,
and outlined the radical changes in
the existing organization of the army.

No attempt was made at to-day's
session to enter into a discussion of
the complex program of reorganization
prepared by the War College, but this
will follow at subsequent meetings to
be held at the War College beginning
to-morrow.

PENSION BUILDING SOUGHT

It Is Needed for Inaugural Ball on
March 4.

Washington, January 8.—A joint
resolution authorizing the Secretary
of the Interior to permit the use of
the Pension Building for the inaugural
ball on March 4 was introduced in the
House to-day by Representative Shep-
pard, of Texas. The resolution would
make provision for the construction of
reviewing stands on government reser-
vations and spaces in the District and
the Navy Departments of ensigns and
flags for the decoration of public
buildings along the route of the in-
augural parade. "An appropriation of
\$25,000 to enable the District commis-
sioners to maintain order and protect

life and property during the week of
March 4 also was asked for.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Halloran, wife of the late
Patrick Halloran, died yesterday at
her residence, 122 East Broad Street.
The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock
to-morrow afternoon from St. Pat-
rick's Church. Mrs. Halloran is sur-
vived by five daughters, Mary, Kate,
Nellie and Josephine Halloran, and
Mrs. R. S. McCurdy. There is also one
son, D. J. Halloran.

Mr. Wolpert died yesterday at the
residence of his sister, 611 State
Street.

Funeral of Major Daingerfeld.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Harrisonburg, Va., January 8.—The
body of Major Foxhall A. Daingerfeld,
seventy-four years old, arrived from
Lexington, Ky., yesterday morning
for the Baltimore and Ohio by way of
Staunton, and was interred in Wood-
bine Cemetery, in Harrisonburg. The
pall-bearers were: